

**The Verdict.**  
Records of the ancient city of Gorm, founded in 1640, better known at the present time as York Harbor, Me., contain many quaint and unusual stories of the early life of the town.

At the entrance to York harbor a bold promontory known as Stage neck extends some distance into the sea, from which formerly in stormy weather a temporary light in the form of a lantern hoisted upon an upright pole was displayed as a warning to mariners.

One dark winter night a sloop was wrecked on these rocks. A survivor on being questioned about the catastrophe said:

"The vessel struck, turned over on her side, and the skipper and another barrel of whisky rolled overboard."

The local coroner was summoned, and this somewhat startling verdict was returned:

"We find that the deceased fell from the masthead and was killed. He rolled overboard and was drowned. He floated ashore and froze to death, and the rats eat him up alive!"—Harper's Weekly.

**Lobster Mortality High.**  
A lobster lays thousands of eggs, most of which hatch, but few ever live to grow up. This is not the fault of the mother, for she carries them about with her for nearly a year and with admirable instinct guards them as she does her own life. When the young are set free her duty is done, for they must then shift for themselves. Though hardly larger than mosquitoes, being about one-third of an inch long, the little ones leave their parents on the bottom and swim toward the light—the surface, where from one to two millions, if fortune favors them, they lead a free, roving life. The open sea is a poor nursery for such weaklings, which become the sport of every storm and the prey of numberless hungry mouths. Out of a brood of 10,000 it would be a rare chance for more than one or two lobsters to reach maturity or finally to end their career in the kitchen or the chafing dish.—St. Nicholas.

**Imprisoned in the Wind.**  
Butterflies may be imprisoned and imprisoned in the midst of a whirlwind. Gales in a genuine typhoon are so terrible that the stoutest ships can scarcely hope to weather them, but there is a spot at the very center of the storm where something like a dead calm prevails. From the outer edge of the disturbance, which may be 300 miles across, the wind velocity increases toward the center until within a few miles of that point there comes a sudden lull. There the rain ceases and the sky often clears. In this little calm area, which sailors call "the eye of the storm," a group of butterflies frequently become imprisoned, and their dainty, delicate forms are as safe in this aerial cage as if hovering in sunny meadows, but as helpless as in a collector's bottle.

**Coffee and Smoke in Spain.**  
Even of wine, so cheap and abundant in Spain, the natives seem to use very little. They are frightfully intemperate, however, in their use of tobacco and coffee. They drink coffee at all hours and apparently every hour. The clerk who takes his morning cup at 9 has another at his desk an hour later, purchased from a street vendor. The business men passing through the streets pause while a fellow who carries hot coffee, hot milk, sugar and spoons harnessed upon him serves them on the sidewalk.

If the Spaniard does not smoke in his sleep it is his only respite from the habit.—Rosary Magazine.

**Scale Bread Bag.**  
A traveler says that a curious weakness of grownup Moors is the love of eating newly baked bread. The said of Assemoor, in Morocco, discovered that old bread was thrown away as waste. To waste food is a serious offense in the eyes of a Moslem. The said of Assemoor therefore issued a bylaw prohibiting the baking of bread upon one day in each week. The citizens, he declared, must eat up the bread already baked, and he fixed Wednesday as the "bittah," or holiday.

**The Longest Novel.**  
The "Story of the Eight Dogs" is the longest novel that has ever been published. Fortunately, perhaps, it is written in Japanese, so no one will set himself the task of reading it. It contains 106 volumes, several hundred characters and numerous dogs, all of which are successfully disposed of by the time the last chapter is reached. Just imagine reading through that—one book that would last a lifetime!

**True Heroism.**  
The hero fears not that if he withhold the avowal of a just and brave act it will go unacknowledged and unloved. One knows it himself and is pledged by it to sweetness of peace and to nobleness of aim, which will prove in the end a better proclamation of it than the relating of the incident.—Emerson.

**She Reasoned It Out.**  
Ethel—Mamma, if a little boy is a lad, why isn't a big boy a ladder? Mamma—For the same reason, I suppose, that although a little doll is a doll, a big doll is not a dollar. Ethel (reflectively)—That's so. My big doll was \$2.—Kansas City Journal.

**His Hard Luck.**  
Benevolent Old Lady (to one of the unemployed)—Poor man! What have you done to your hand? Unemployed—Broke my knuckles, mum, knockin' at people's doors askin' for work.

In order to love mankind we must not expect too much of them.—Helve-tius.

**Wanted a Change.**  
She—Why did that brilliant woman marry such a stupid man? He—Because her first husband was a genius.—Detroit Free Press.

**In and Out.**  
"I notice you never wear a watch with your evening clothes." "Yes, I never have both out at the same time."—Cornell Widow.

**Honors Easy.**  
People who are smart smiled at the little passage of arms which took place between two young ladies at a luncheon recently. One of them, a bride, shaking hands in her characteristically cordial way, said to the other: "I'm so glad to meet you! You have afforded me so very much amusement just lately."

"Amusement?" said the other. "Oh, yes," went on the bride. "I've been through my husband's desk and have read all his old love letters. I found several very affectionate letters from you, and I enjoyed reading them really ever so much."

"I'm so glad you enjoyed them," replied the other. "But do come and see my very soon. Here is my card. I have the answers to all these letters, and you might like to read them as well. Mr. X's letters are so much more affectionate than those I wrote to him. I know you'll enjoy reading them ever so much more than you did mine."

**Idea From Nature.**  
Walking on the outskirts of Bolton one autumn evening, a clever young man became interested in watching the needs falling from a sycamore tree. He observed that they acquired rotary motion before reaching the ground, and, inquiring into the cause, he found that the two wings were slightly turned in opposite directions, which caused them to revolve in falling. The idea of making a screw propeller on this principle at once occurred to him.

Galvani, a natural philosopher of Italy, was dissecting a dead frog one day while a pupil was making experiments in electricity by his side. He observed that the muscles of the frog, being exposed, gave signs of motion whenever the nerves came in contact with the scopol. Galvani discovered the existence of a new principle in this phenomenon and originated the fertile branch of physics known by the name of galvanism.

**One Man's Idea of a Joke.**  
"This artificial limb business is getting to be something wonderful," said a Cleveland man. "When a man can wiggle the fingers of an artificial hand it is uncanny. Practical jokes of terrible effect are possible with the artificial limb, and the victim is such in the true sense of the word. I saw a man in Denver about three weeks ago who walked up to the hotel clerk and in a friendly way reached across the counter to shake hands. Then he wheeled away and left his hand in the grip of the clerk. The clerk faintly—actually fainted, although he realized, I believe, that the hand he held was but an artificial one. The man who wore it had devised a scheme by which he might throw it off by pressing a spring. The delight he took in the joke ceased when the victim collapsed."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

**Tallyho!**  
A very early equivalent of similar sound and purpose to the tallyho with which a huntsman now cheers on his hounds appears in a quaint old song printed in 1780 called "The Death of Reynard, the Fox," by Sir William Young:

He quickly found the cover  
Too hot for him to stay  
And soon Ned Callet spied him  
Stealing across the way.  
"Tallyho!" then Callet cried  
And gave a gibbet shrill.  
He tossed his brush as who should  
say,  
"Come, kiss me if you will!"  
Some, however, derive the cry when a fox breaks cover from "tallies horn," the French for "out of the copple."—London Globe.

**A Ghastly Pavement.**  
Gwandu, a native town in Africa, contains between 10,000 and 15,000 inhabitants and is surrounded by a palisade of poles, the top of every pole being crowned with a human skull. There are six gates, and the approach to each gate is laid with a pavement of human skulls, the tops being the only parts that show above ground. More than 2,000 skulls are used in the pavement leading up to each gate. The pavement is of snowy whiteness, polished to the smoothness of ivory by the daily passage of hundreds of naked feet.

**Words of Violence.**  
"Words of violence never always begin with 'up,'" said a poet.  
"How do you mean?"  
"I mean that words of violence like spank begin with the same two letters, s and p. For example, besides spank, a clear word of violence, we have the sp beginning for such words as spurt, split, spring, splutter, spasm, speed, spill, spin, splinter, spurn, spur, spin, spike, spat, and so on."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Willie's Anguish.**  
"Say, ma," asked little Willie after he had been in conjunction with the paternal slipper, "did anybody besides pa ever ask you to be his wife?"  
"Oh, yes. I had lots of proposals before your father came along."

"Well, do you think you gained anything by waiting?"

**A Compromise.**  
A struggling art student, a native of Pont Aven, went to Paris to study and occasionally visited an uncle there, an elderly shoemaker on the Rue Vaugrard. The shoemaker was to be counted on for a square meal and sometimes even for a small loan. One morning the uncle welcomed the student far more warmly than was his habit.  
"Just in time," he said, rubbing his hands. "The kitchen door wants painting, and I was about to give the job to the commissionaire for 3 francs. But you can have it now. I'll pay you \$5."

The student, who had been bit his lip hard up as he was, he could not so deprecate his art as to paint a kitchen door. Yet he needed money badly.  
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